

Appl. No. 09/488,945  
Amdt. Dated 10/12/2004  
Reply to Office Action of 9/8/2004

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**

**RECEIVED**  
**CENTRAL FAX CENTER**  
**OCT 26 2004**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application. No. : 09/488,945  
Applicant : Ames, et al.  
Filed : 01/19/2000  
TC/A.U. : 2141  
Examiner : Melvin B. Pollack

Confirmation No. 5142

Docket No. : 082771.P118C  
Customer No. : 8791

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 8, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

**This Page is Inserted by IFW Indexing and Scanning  
Operations and is not part of the Official Record**

## **BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES**

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images include but are not limited to the items checked:

- ☐ **BLACK BORDERS**
- ☐ **IMAGE CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES**
- ☐ **FADED TEXT OR DRAWING**
- ☐ **BLURRED OR ILLEGIBLE TEXT OR DRAWING**
- ☐ **SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES**
- ☐ **COLOR OR BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS**
- ☐ **GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS**
- ☐ **LINES OR MARKS ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT**
- ☐ **REFERENCE(S) OR EXHIBIT(S) SUBMITTED ARE POOR QUALITY**
- ☐ **OTHER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.**

**As rescanning these documents will not correct the image problems checked, please do not report these problems to the IFW Image Problem Mailbox.**